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SUBJECT: CIVAIR-- PANAM ROUTE 5 OPERATIONS

REF: LONDON 694

1. FOR ITS OWN REASONS, ALLEGEDLY UNRELATED TO DTI OBJECTIONS, PANAM WILL EFFECTIVE APRIL 29 SCHEDULE CHANGES NO LONGER OFFER A DIRECT CONNECTION AT LONDON FROM FLIGHT 122 TO FLIGHT 120. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, ISSUE IS NOW MOOT.

2. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE SOME MEANS TO PURSUE MATTER SHOULD PANAM SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDE IT WISHES REINSTITUTE DIRECT CONNECTION AT LONDON FOR PARIS ON ROUTE 5 OPERATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REQUESTED PUT FOLLOWING TO DTI (WE SUGGEST IT BE DONE ORALLY):

A. THE NARROW QUESTION IS WHETHER THIS PARTICULAR SERVICE IS CONSISTENT WITH BILATERAL, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTACHMENT 5 TO LOY- BURNS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OF MAY 27, 1966.

B. BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT IS APARENT THAT ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCE ON UK AIRLINES OF THIS PARTICULAR SERVICE IS VIRTUALLY NIL, US DOES NOT SEE WHY FOREGOING NARROW QUESTION SHOULD NOT BE DECIDED IN AFFIRMATIVE. IN ADDITION, US CONTINUES BELIEVE THERE ARE ADEQUATE LEGAL GROUNDS FOR

REACHING THIS CONCLUSION, ALTHOUGH IT ADMITS THAT THESE GROUNDS MAY NOT BE FULLY DETERMINATIVE.

C. DESIRABLE WAY RESOLVE THIS MINI- ISSUE WOULD BE TO EXCHANGE LETTERS IN WHICH IT IS AGREED THAT, WITHOUT PREJUDICE OTHER SITUATIONS, SPECIFIC OPERATIONS INVOLVED IN THIS CASE WILL BE REGARDED AS ACCEPTABLE UNDER TERMS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT, INCLUDE ATTACHMENT 5 OF LOY- BURNS EXCHANGE.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD, IN COURSE CONVERSATION, PASS ON WORD ABOUT PANAM SCHEDULE CHANGE. IF QUESTION ARISES, AS IT PRESUMABLY WILL, YOU SHOULD CLARIFY THAT WE ARE PROPOSING LETTER EXCHANGE IN EVENT PANAM SHOULD WISH REINSTITUTE DIRECT CONNECTION SERVICE IN FUTURE.

4. WE WOULD RATHER HAVE DTI KEEP FOREGOING PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION INDEFINITELY THAN TURN IT DOWN NOW. DTI MIGHT GO ALONG WITH PROPOSAL IF THERE WERE QUID PRO QUO. WHILE WE HAVE NONE IN MIND, YOU MAY SAY THAT US COULD CONSIDER, WITHOUT COMMITMENT ANY PROPOSAL DTI MAY HAVE. ROGERS

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